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Re: ENV 2002-2481-eir; sch#2002091018 Canyon Hills Project- Deir Comments

Dear Ms Zaitzevsky

I am a home owner in Tujunga and appreciate this community for the availability of untouched nature. The natural slopes with the trees and native plants and the wildlife that they support are an important factor in my decision to live here.

I believe that the referenced DEIR is diffident in regards to the proposed removal of trees. It is estimated that over 300 oaks and sycamores will be cut or moved. The DEIR proposes to mitigate this loss by replacing them with trees they will move in. This mitigation is not acceptable in that their plan will replace the trees in the areas of the proposed homes. Along walkways and roads leaving the wildlife areas empty of their original trees. The California State Environmental Agency that regulates there issues has guidelines and laws that state that trees must be replaced in the areas that are used by the wildlife that originally depended on them. (Planting acorns is not acceptable as germination is far from guaranteed.)

I therefore urge that the draft environmental impact report be rejected due to this deficiency.

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